चारियों की व्यवस्था की गई है और उनके कार्य क्षेत्र विनिदिष्ट किए गए हैं।

(ii) बड़े स्टेशनों पर, चौबीसों घंटे सफाई सुनिश्चित करने के लिए व्यवस्था की गयी है ।

(iii) प्लेटफार्मों और प्रतीक्षालयों में पौलीथीन की थैलियों सहित गोबलर, पीकदान, कूड़ादान मुहैया किए गए है ताकि कूड़ा और गंदगी को आसानी से बार-बार और अच्छी तरह से हटाया जा सके ।

(iv) स्टेशनों में, मंडल मुख्यालय और क्षेत्रीय रेल मुख्यालय स्तर पर सेवा सुधार दल गठित किए गए हैं ताकि स्टेशन परिसरों की जांच की जा सके और अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, समुचित स्वच्छता सुनिश्चित की जा सके ।

(v) समुचित स्वच्छता बनाए रखने के लिए अधिकारियों द्वारा, जिनमें वरिष्ठ अधिकारी भी शामिल हैं, अचानक जांचें की जाती हैं और इसके लिए अभियान चलाये जाते हैं ।

Clearance of Dhalli-Rajhara Jagadaipur Railway line, M.P.

2486. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Ministry has cleared the 340 KM Dhalli-Rajhara-Jagdalpur railway line in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Planning Commission has also cleared an investment on the proposed railway line;

(c) if so, what would be the total cost involved;

(d) what time it would take to complete the project; and

(e) whether Steel Ministry and the Government of Madhya Pradesh have also agreed to provide financial assistance to the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Clearance of the Planning Commission has not yet been received.

(c) Rs. 370 crores.

(d) 5 years from the date of commmencement, subject to availability of resources.

(e) Yes. Sir.

Torsha Teesta Express

2487. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the only train covering the whole of North Bengal is Torsha Teesta Express;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Torsha Teesta Express runs bathways from Sealdah to New Alipurdvar; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that its service would be made daily considering the pressing need of the people of North Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir. There are other trains also serving North Bengal.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to increase the frequency of Sealdah-Haldibari/New Alipurduar Teesta-Torsha Express from tri-weekly to 6 days a week during 1994-95.

Attachment of Dining Cars|Pantry Cars to Trains

2488. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to attach Dining cars or Pantry cars to all trains where journeys exceed over 1000 Kms;

(b) if not, what is the criteria for attaching Pantry or Dining cars; and

(c) whether such a facility would be extended to the Dakshin Express plying between Delhi and Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) As a matter of policy, catering requirements of passengers are met from the static units enroute.. Pantry car services are provided only on selected long distance trains for which due to timings, stoppages etc. the catering requirements of the passengers either cannot normally be met from the static units enroute for the facilities in the static units are inadequate. Besides, Railways are not having spare pantry cars at present.

Besides, due to poor patronage and heavy loss, the Railway administration had to earlier withdraw the Pantry Car services from Dakshin Exp. and to replace it by a second class sleeper coach.

Timings of Hirakhand Express Train

2489. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to regularise the timings of Hirakhand Express Train as represented by local bodies in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard and whether any additional facilities are proposed to be provided to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) At present there is no proposal for rescheduling Hirakhand Express.

(b) In order to provide convenient morning service to Bhubaneswar, DMU2 Utkal Sammelini S-1923 Palasa-Cuttack Passenger has been provided with push pull rake in lieu of 216 Passenger, with faster timings. This leaves Berhampur at 5.30 hrs. and arrives Bhubaneswar at 9.25. Besides, stoppage of Konark Express has been provided at Chatrapur.

Request from Karnataka Government for conversion of Railway Lines

2490. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has made a request to Central Government for the conversion of metre-gauge into broad gauge, the entire segments of Hospet-Hassan-Mangalore and Bagalkot-Managalore in view of the proposed setting up of a one million ton steel plant by the Joint Sector;

(b) whether Government are aware that apart from providing basic infrastructural facilities for setting up steel/petrochemical units at Mangalore, the conversion would also be economically justified on view of assured passenger/freight traffic; and

(c) if so, whether necessary provisions/budgetary allocations would be made for these projects on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir.

(c) The project for gauge conversion of Arsikere-Hassan-Mangalore section has been referred to Planning Commission for their approval. The work is proposed to be taken up with the approval of Parliament, after the approval of Planning Commission has been received. As regards Sholapur-Gadag, the work is already included in the Budget. However actual construction work will be taken up on receipt of approval from Planning Commission who have been requested for the same.

Implementation of Railway Project in Maharashtra

2481. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDRE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for various railways projects under implementation in Maharashtra;